

PATENT



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Pietro Padovani	)	Group Art No.:	1722
Application No:	08/809,340	)	Examiner:	Mackey, J.
Filed:	May 6, 1997	)	Re:	PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
For:	"THERMOFORMING APPARATUS....."	)	Our Ref:	B-3289 615920-5/RPB
		)	Date:	April 20, 2001

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

This paper is enclosed to the request for a CPA for the application at issue. This CPA is being filed within 5 months from the filing date (November 21, 2000) of a Final Rejection for the application at issue along with a petition for a second month extension of time.

The Examiner is kindly asked to enter all amendments made by Applicant in his Response After Final submitted on March 20, 2001.

Moreover:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please ~~add~~ new claim 45.

Please cancel claims ~~44, 3, 4, 22~~ and ~~24~~ without prejudice.

Please amend claims 43, 5, 8, and 15. A clean copy of new claim 45 and amended claims 43, 5, 8, and 15 is shown in the next pages 2-4. A marked-up copy of the old claims with hand-written amendments is shown in the attached appendix.

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